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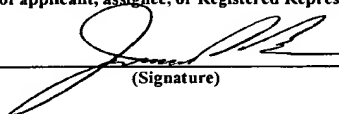
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of August 5, 2003 ("the Office Action") in which a shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months was set. A Petition for an extension of the time for reply of one (1) month, i.e., from November 5, 2003 until December 5, 2003 inclusive, is being filed concurrently herewith.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.